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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
KEAR ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/049,577

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For: MULTIMODAL STRUCTURED:  
HARDCOATINGS MADE FROM  
NANOCOMPOSITE MATERIALS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, the first sentence after the title, insert the following paragraph:

This application claims foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 365(a) of PCT International Application No. PCT/US00/22340, filed on August 16, 2000, published in English, and benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/149,128 filed on August 16, 1999.

No fees are believed due as a result of this Preliminary Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment,

to Deposit Account number 50-2061.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PAJ' or 'PAJ' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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